

Agency Legislative Budget

The following table summarizes the total legislative budget for the agency by year, type of expenditure, and source of funding.

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Budget Item	Base Budget Fiscal 2006	PL Base Adjustment Fiscal 2008	New Proposals Fiscal 2008	Total Leg. Budget Fiscal 2008	PL Base Adjustment Fiscal 2009	New Proposals Fiscal 2009	Total Leg. Budget Fiscal 2009	Total Leg. Budget Fiscal 08-09
FTE	29.50	1.00	0.00	30.50	1.00	0.00	30.50	30.50
Personal Services	1,607,749	56,570	56,421	1,720,740	62,512	127,215	1,797,476	3,518,216
Operating Expenses	1,451,875	82,101	98,495	1,632,471	107,996	98,495	1,658,366	3,290,837
Equipment	47,398	5,936	0	53,334	9,286	0	56,684	110,018
Grants	531,041	1,055,682	15,000	1,601,723	330,682	15,000	876,723	2,478,446
Total Costs	\$3,638,063	\$1,200,289	\$169,916	\$5,008,268	\$510,476	\$240,710	\$4,389,249	\$9,397,517
General Fund	1,671,787	533,085	196,421	2,401,293	566,975	267,215	2,505,977	4,907,270
State/Other Special	1,081,518	(1)	(26,505)	1,055,012	(1)	(26,505)	1,055,012	2,110,024
Federal Special	884,758	667,205	0	1,551,963	(56,498)	0	828,260	2,380,223
Expendable Trust	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Funds	\$3,638,063	\$1,200,289	\$169,916	\$5,008,268	\$510,476	\$240,710	\$4,389,249	\$9,397,517

Agency Description

The Library Commission, authorized in Section 22-1-101, MCA, administers state and federal library funding to operate and maintain the state library, oversees the six library federations located throughout Montana, and develops library oriented statewide long-range planning, policy, and service coordination.

Additional responsibilities of the commission include: assisting all tax-supported libraries and local governments wishing to establish or improve libraries; maintaining an audio book library for use by Montanans unable to utilize printed materials; providing access to state publications; maintaining and providing information related to Montana's plant and animal species and habitat and comprehensive natural resources (land) information.

Agency Highlights

State Library Commission Major Budget Highlights	
Funding increases for MSL are due to:	
♦	Standard base adjustments that include biennial appropriation of grant awards
♦	New proposals that include:
•	\$150,000 general fund to increase support for the Natural Heritage Program
•	\$300,000 general fund to expand the role of MSL as the GIS clearinghouse
•	\$270,000 to increase library federation support

Summary of Legislative Action

The legislature approved new proposals to fund components of the Natural Resource Information System (NRIS). NRIS is a web based program housed on the library platform and made available to the public at no charge. Both the GIS clearinghouse and the Natural Heritage Program are part of NRIS. The legislature changed the funding structure supporting NRIS by increasing general fund support for the program by \$730,000 over the biennium while reducing state special revenue by \$140,000 each year of the biennium.

The legislature also provided increased library federation support of \$113,495 each year of the biennium. The increase requested by the executive was reduced by the legislature to ensure the coal tax shared account, the funding source for the increase, was not over-appropriated. Should actual revenues for the coal tax shared revenue be higher than the estimates, the legislature included language in HB 2 to increase the appropriation by up to \$21,505 each year of the biennium.

\$307,000 of increases are included for statewide present law adjustments for personal services and funding to support pay plan increases included in HB 13 of the 2007 regular session.

The legislature also provided authority for the library commission to spend estimated federal grant funds and realign the biennial appropriation of the grant awards into the first year of the biennium.

Agency Discussion

The Library Commission provides resources to support the information needs of state agency management and staff, Montana libraries, and the public. Specialized information systems maintained and operated by the agency include State of Montana publications and natural resource information included on the Natural Resource Information System (NRIS). Information about the unique plants and animals of Montana Natural Heritage Program is included as a subprogram of NRIS.

Other Legislation

House Bill 132 modified language in statute requiring that state agencies notify the Montana state library of their state publications and make their publications available to the library. If the cost of providing the publications to the library is unreasonable to the agency, the library is required to reimburse the state agency for the costs of the state publications. The fiscal note for this bill showed no additional costs to the library, in part because the majority of state publications are available in electronic format and can be made available to the library at no additional cost to the state agencies.

Executive Budget Comparison

The following table compares the legislative budget in the 2009 biennium to the budget requested by the Governor, by type of expenditure and source of funding.

Executive Budget Comparison								
Budget Item	Base Budget Fiscal 2006	Executive Budget Fiscal 2008	Legislative Budget Fiscal 2008	Leg – Exec. Difference Fiscal 2008	Executive Budget Fiscal 2009	Legislative Budget Fiscal 2009	Leg – Exec. Difference Fiscal 2009	Biennium Difference Fiscal 08-09
FTE	29.50	30.50	30.50	0.00	30.50	30.50	0.00	
Personal Services	1,607,749	1,664,319	1,720,740	56,421	1,670,261	1,797,476	127,215	183,636
Operating Expenses	1,451,875	1,654,384	1,632,471	(21,913)	1,680,292	1,658,366	(21,926)	(43,839)
Equipment	47,398	53,334	53,334	0	56,684	56,684	0	0
Grants	531,041	1,601,723	1,601,723	0	876,723	876,723	0	0
Total Costs	\$3,638,063	\$4,973,760	\$5,008,268	\$34,508	\$4,283,960	\$4,389,249	\$105,289	\$139,797
General Fund	1,671,787	2,205,178	2,401,293	196,115	2,239,078	2,505,977	266,899	463,014
State/Other Special	1,081,518	1,216,517	1,055,012	(161,505)	1,216,517	1,055,012	(161,505)	(323,010)
Federal Special	884,758	1,552,065	1,551,963	(102)	828,365	828,260	(105)	(207)
Expendable Trust	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Funds	\$3,638,063	\$4,973,760	\$5,008,268	\$34,508	\$4,283,960	\$4,389,249	\$105,289	\$139,797

This legislature approved reductions as a result of motor pool rate levels assessed lower than rates requested by the executive and a reduction to the proposal to increase library federation support. This reduction was the result of over-appropriation of coal tax shared revenue funds by the executive to the three programs allocated funding by statute. These reductions are partially offset by funding of the pay plan passed in HB 13 of the 2007 regular session.

Funding

The following table summarizes funding for the agency, by program and source, as adopted by the legislature.

Program Funding Table						
Statewide Library Resour						
Program Funding	Base FY 2006	% of Base FY 2006	Budget FY 2008	% of Budget FY 2008	Budget FY 2009	% of Budget FY 2009
01000 Total General Fund	\$ 1,671,787	46.0%	\$ 2,401,293	47.9%	\$ 2,505,977	57.1%
01100 General Fund	1,671,787	46.0%	2,401,293	47.9%	2,505,977	57.1%
02000 Total State Special Funds	1,081,518	29.7%	1,055,012	21.1%	1,055,012	24.0%
02026 Nris State Special	253,570	7.0%	253,570	5.1%	253,570	5.8%
02340 Coal Sev. Tax Shared Ssr	436,511	12.0%	550,006	11.0%	550,006	12.5%
02458 Reclamation & Development	391,437	10.8%	251,436	5.0%	251,436	5.7%
03000 Total Federal Special Funds	884,758	24.3%	1,551,963	31.0%	828,260	18.9%
03018 Library Commission	854,758	23.5%	1,521,963	30.4%	798,260	18.2%
03930 Nris Federal Funds	30,000	0.8%	30,000	0.6%	30,000	0.7%
Grand Total	\$ 3,638,063	100.0%	\$ 5,008,268	100.0%	\$ 4,389,249	100.0%

The Library Commission is funded through a combination of general fund, state special revenue, and federal special revenue. General fund supports the interlibrary loan reimbursement program, state aid to libraries throughout Montana, NRIS, and general operations. In terms of personal services, general fund supports all positions funded through HB 2 to some degree. The amount of support ranges from 20 percent to 100 percent of the personal services costs. The remaining personal services are offset by either federal funds or state special revenue funds.

State special revenue includes funding from the following sources:

- Coal severance tax shared account partially funds general operations, the periodic database, and library federation grants and support that assist local libraries in providing basic services
- Reclamation and development grants from the Resource Indemnity Trust (RIT) partially fund the Natural Heritage Program, NRIS, and the water information system
- Assessments from the departments of Fish, Wildlife, and Parks, Transportation, Natural Resources and Conservation, Environmental Quality, and the Montana University System. The assessments partially fund NRIS core services.

Federal funds support library services through Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) grant funds. Grants are received each year, but can be spent over a two federal year period. Federal years begin in October rather than July, as a result a LSTA grant received in FY 2007 can be spent in FY 2007, FY 2008, and for the first 3 months of FY 2009. The legislature approved the LSTA funds as a biennial appropriation to align the funding with the expenditures in the first year.

Present Law Adjustments

The “Present Law Adjustments” table shows the primary changes to the adjusted base budget approved by the legislature. “Statewide Present Law” adjustments are standard categories of adjustments made to all agencies. Decisions on these items were applied globally to all agencies. The other numbered adjustments in the table correspond to the narrative descriptions.

Present Law Adjustments										
-----Fiscal 2008-----						-----Fiscal 2009-----				
	FTE	General Fund	State Special	Federal Special	Total Funds	FTE	General Fund	State Special	Federal Special	Total Funds
Personal Services					60,667					66,471
Vacancy Savings					(66,737)					(66,972)
Inflation/Deflation					5,578					5,861
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Fixed Costs					48,452					74,481
Total Statewide Present Law Adjustments					\$53,896					\$89,127
DP 1 - GIS Portal	1.00	150,000	0	0	150,000	1.00	150,000	0	0	150,000
DP 2 - Natural Heritage Program	0.00	75,000	0	0	75,000	0.00	75,000	0	0	75,000
DP 4 - Standard Cost Adjustments	0.00	5,550	0	0	5,550	0.00	5,550	0	0	5,550
DP 5 - LSTA Grants	0.00	0	0	916,251	916,251	0.00	0	0	191,220	191,220
DP 6015 - State Motor Pool Rate Change	0.00	(306)	0	(102)	(408)	0.00	(316)	0	(105)	(421)
Total Other Present Law Adjustments										
	1.00	\$230,244	\$0	\$916,149	\$1,146,393	1.00	\$230,234	\$0	\$191,115	\$421,349
Grand Total All Present Law Adjustments					\$1,200,289					\$510,476

DP 1 - GIS Portal - The legislature provided \$150,000 general fund in each year of the biennium to fund a geographic information systems (GIS) at the state library to expand the role of the Montana State Library to become the GIS clearinghouse for the state of Montana.

DP 2 - Natural Heritage Program - The legislature provided \$75,000 general fund in each year of the 2009 biennium to increase support of the Natural Heritage Program to obtain, catalog, store, manage and provide access to natural resource information from state agencies and other sources, work with data producers to routinely update information, develop and manage a website providing access to information, conduct outreach and training to promote effective access and use, and respond to user requests.

DP 4 - Standard Cost Adjustments - The legislature approved \$5,550 general fund in each year of the biennium to reestablish zero-based per diem for library commission members, volunteer insurance, and legal fees in the Department of Justice.

DP 5 - LSTA Grants - The legislature provided an increase in federal authority to spend estimated Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) grant awards and realign the biennial appropriation of the awards into the first year of the biennium, resulting in a smaller adjustment in FY 2009.

DP 6015 - State Motor Pool Rate Change - The funding for vehicle rentals and leases from the State Motor Pool was reduced from the level requested by the Governor.

New Proposals

New Proposals										
-----Fiscal 2008-----						-----Fiscal 2009-----				
Program	FTE	General Fund	State Special	Federal Special	Total Funds	FTE	General Fund	State Special	Federal Special	Total Funds
DP 6 - Increase Library Federation Support										
01	0.00	0	113,495	0	113,495	0.00	0	113,495	0	113,495
DP 7 - Funding Switch for NRIS										
01	0.00	140,000	(140,000)	0	0	0.00	140,000	(140,000)	0	0
DP 6013 - 2009 Biennium Pay Plan - HB 13										
01	0.00	54,578	0	0	54,578	0.00	125,261	0	0	125,261
DP 6014 - Retirement Employer Contributions - HB 131										
01	0.00	1,843	0	0	1,843	0.00	1,954	0	0	1,954
Total	0.00	\$196,421	(\$26,505)	\$0	\$169,916	0.00	\$267,215	(\$26,505)	\$0	\$240,710

DP 6 - Increase Library Federation Support - The legislature provided for increased Montana State Library coal tax shared account funding by \$113,495 in each year of the 2009 biennium to provide funding to the Library Federation Program.

DP 7 - Funding Switch for NRIS - The legislature included a funding switch for NRIS. State special revenue from RIT funds were reduced by \$140,000 each year of the biennium and general fund was increased by a like amount. This was done to balance the RIT account which was over-appropriated during the biennium.

DP 6013 - 2009 Biennium Pay Plan - HB 13 - The legislature passed a pay plan (HB 13 of the 2007 regular session) that provides an additional 3.0 percent in FY 2008 and FY 2009, a 0.5 percent increase in the 10-year longevity increment, an additional 0.6 percent discretionary allocation, as well as an additional \$33 per month in health insurance contribution in FY 2008 and an additional \$36 per month in FY 2009. These amounts represent this program's allocation of costs to fund this pay plan.

DP 6014 - Retirement Employer Contributions - HB 131 - The legislature adopted HB 131, which increases the employer contribution to retirement systems. The amounts shown represent this program's allocation of costs to fund this increased contribution.

Language

"The Increase Library Federation Support appropriation of \$113,495 in state special revenue derived from the coal tax shared revenue account is contingent upon revenue estimates of \$2,061,000 in fiscal year 2008 and \$1,975,000 in fiscal year 2009 in the coal tax shared revenue account. If the revenue to the account is higher than anticipated, Increase Library Federation Support is increased by 27.26% of the additional revenue, up to a maximum of \$21,505 of additional state special revenue each year of the biennium."